

KEEP YOUR SITE MATERIAL SEPARATED

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Most people when they first start hunting arrowheads put all their finds together in a box or frame. They say to anyone else who will listen that they will remember which site everything came from. In most cases after a couple years they have to start guessing as to where a certain artifact was found. Thus you have ruined the the integrity of several sites as to what cultures occupied the places your artifacts came from. This is the foremost reason to keep your site material separated.

Another reason to keep your site material separated is that you may have the thrill, as I have, of being able to find more than one piece of the same artifact. Over several years I have been able to piece together six artifacts. In one case from the Don Paul Site I found three parts of a flint disc. (figure 1) Five of the artifacts I have pieced together were found on the Don Paul Site. (Converse, *Ohio Archaeologist* vol. 55 no. 1). In (figure 2 are two uniface blades from the

Don Paul Site. (*Casto Artifacts* vol. 9 1978 pg 27). In figure 3 is a large blade from the Don Paul Site. I found the top piece and a year later George Thrush found the bottom piece. In figure 4 is an artifact also from the Don Paul Site. In figure 5 is an Adena point from The Jenny Site (*Artifacts* vol 10 no. 3 1980 pg. 90)

None of these artifacts were found at the same time. In the case of the disc I searched several days through all the material from this site to find all three pieces. In the case of the small uniface blade the material is orange and black flint. When I found it I remembered finding another piece of blade similar to it. In a frame that I had put together about five years ago I found the other half. The Adena point I didn't know I had both pieces until one day I was looking at the material from this site and there it was.

I found an unfinished arrowhead (fig. 6) in two parts on the Hunzicker Site (*Ohio*

Archaeologist vol. 32 no. 4 pg. 22, 23) I was walking the corn rows when I found the top half of an arrowhead. I can't explain why, but I turned 90 degrees and went about thirty feet and picked up another piece of the same arrow. The bottom is still missing. If you keep your site material separated you may have the same thrill I had by piecing some of your artifacts together.

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Figure 1 (Casto) Flint disc made from Upper Mercer Flint. All 3 pieces found in site material box. 3 7/8 inches.



Figure 2 (Casto) Two uniface knives. I believe they are Paleo. Upper Mercer flint one on right is 3 7/8 inches.



Figure 3 (Casto) Large blade Paleo or early Archaic. Upper Mercer Flint. 4 1/8 inches.



Figure 4 (Casto) A Bifurcate point made from what looks like high grade Flint Ridge flint. 1 3/4 inches.



Figure 5 (Casto) An Adena point made from Flint Ridge flint. 2 inches long.



Figure 6 (Casto) An unfinished arrowhead from the Hunzicker Site. 2 inches long.